

PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) According to the information made available by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), 25 accused persons have been acquitted in cases in which CBI, had filed charge-sheet in various Courts during the years 1988, 1999 and 2000.

(c) and (d) There is no legal provision for providing compensation in such cases unless awarded by the courts.

Amendment in CVC Bill

4509. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Vigilance Commissioner, has written to Government stating that the country will not achieve "Zero tolerance in corruption" if the CVC Bill is amended on the basis of the recommendations made by the JPCs;

(b) if so, what are the main objections raised therein;

(c) whether Government are considering the suggestions;

(d) if so, what are the changes that are being made; and

(e) by when a final decision for introduction of the legislation is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (c) The Central Vigilance Commissioner has mainly raised following issues in the context of the Report of the Joint Parliamentary Committee:

(i) Restricting the powers of Central Vigilance Commission in exercise of 'Superintendence over the vigilance administration' occurring in Clause 8(1) (g) of Bill;

(ii) Incorporation of the 'single Directive' in the Bill; and

(iii) Ineligibility of Central Vigilance Commissioner and every other Vigilance Commissioners, on ceasing to hold office, for any diplomatic assignment, appointment as administrator of a Union Territory and such other assignment or appointment which is required to be made by the President by warrant under his hand and seal.

The Government has taken note of the above issues raised by the Central Vigilance Commissioner.

The recommendations of the Joint Committee of the Parliament will be considered by the Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha when the Bill, as reported by the Joint Committee, is taken up for consideration.

Accountability of bureaucracy

4510. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the recommendations of the Fifth Central Pay Commission regarding improving the accountability and efficiency of the bureaucracy; and

(b) how many of them are being implemented by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) The Fifth Central Pay Commission has made a number of recommendations/suggestions for improving the efficiency in administration which are given in Section II of their Report (Vol. I) under the heading PROMOTING EFFICIENCY IN ADMINISTRATION. The Commission's recommendations/suggestions in regard to accountability have been given in Section III of their Report (Vol.I) under the heading HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT. The highlights of the action taken by the Government which are relevant in the context of these recommendations are as follows:

- (i) The Government have taken up simplification of laws, rules and procedures for improving efficiency of the various organisations. The Government had set up a Commission on